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For: METHOD AND REAGENT FOR THE INHIBITION OF CALCIUM ACTIVATED CHLORIDE CHANNEL-1 (CLCA-1)	RECEIVEI CENTRAL FAX CE

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 24, 2003, Applicant hereby elects without prejudice Group II, claims 22-27, 45-46, and 49-50 for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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